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Flats are blocked following cash row

THE development of 50 retirement flats on the outskirts of Northampton has been blocked by councillors because of a disagreement over how much money the developers should pay to provide affordable houses elsewhere in the town.

In July last year, national developers, McCarthy and Stone, revealed plans to build on the site of a former car showroom in Wellingborough Road, Weston Favell.

The development would have seen retirement flats built next to a new Aldi supermarket, which has already been built on part of the site.

But during a meeting of Northampton Borough Council's planning committee last night, officials heard that talks between McCarthy and Stone and the council had hit a problem.

The committee heard that when developers apply to the council to build a significant number of houses in the town, they have to agree to build a certain number of 'affordable' properties. As that was not possible in a development of retirement flats, McCarthy and Stone had agreed to pay £226,000 to the council so affordable homes could be built elsewhere.

But speaking on behalf of the company, Lisa Matthewson said the council had not agreed that the figure was enough.

She argued: "This offer is more than appropriate and is a significant figure."

"If we were to go back and look at it again, we'd actually come back to the council with a lower offer."

Despite her warning, members of the council's planning committee still asked the firm to go away and reconsider their plans.

Councillor Dennis Meredith (*Lib*

The retirement flats would have been built on a piece of empty land next to the new Aldi in Wellingborough Road



Dem, Talavera) said: "This development looks like a good one on the face of it, but there's a stumbling block here that needs to be resolved."

"I would urge the developers to come back with a different proposal and see what can be done then."

The planning committee then

voted to refuse the planning application by a majority of seven to two.

It is now expected that McCarthy and Stone will appeal against the council's decision, meaning a final decision on whether or not the development should go ahead would be made by a national planning inspector.

Festive float in town raised £4k

THE Northampton Rotary Club raised more than £4,200 at its annual Christmas Carol float in Abington Street.

Councillor Jamie Lane, the Mayor of Northampton, officially opened the float outside Marks & Spencer on December 2. The Rotary Club also held collections at Northampton Garden Centre and Morrisons supermarket.

Roger Morris, President of Northampton Rotary Club, said: "People responded enthusiastically to the carols provided from our carol float, and allowed us to collect more than £4,200 during our 11 days in Abington Street."

"The money collected goes to local charities with the Mayor's Fund for the Housebound of Northampton being the main recipient."

High praise for theatre director

ROYAL & Derngate's artistic director has been included in an annual list of the entertainment industry's top movers and shakers.

Laurie Samson features in *The Stage* 100, the list of most influential people in the industry compiled by theatre publication, *The Stage*.

Royal & Derngate won the accolade of Regional Theatre of the Year 2010 in the inaugural *Stage* 100 Awards last January, and *The Stage* applauded the theatre's continued good form.



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Children at Vernon Terrace Primary School where 42 languages are spoken by pupils

County pupils speak in 130 languages

MORE than 130 different languages, including Zulu, Welsh, Gaelic and Bosnian, are spoken by children in primary schools in Northamptonshire, new figures have shown.

A Freedom of Information request by the *Chronicle & Echo* has shown the increasing range of ethnic backgrounds of pupils studying in county primary schools.

Figures from a school census taken last year and one in 2007 show that the amount of children speaking some languages has increased dramatically.

For example, the number of Polish speaking children has increased in the past four years from 300 to 974 and the number of children speaking Bengali has increased from 203 to 481.

Jackie Lapsa, headteacher of Vernon Terrace Primary School in Northampton, said 42 different

languages were spoken by pupils at her school which was a challenge for teachers.

Mrs Lapsa said: "The teachers are used to working with so many different languages and they are very good at teaching English. We use lots of visual materials and ICT is a real asset."

Iris McBrearty, headteacher of Stimpson Avenue Primary School in Northampton, said she had noticed a particular increase in the amount of Polish-speaking children attending the school in the past three years.

Mrs McBrearty said: "The children desperately want to succeed and often end up so good at English that they become interpreters for their parents."

In total there are 133 different languages spoken by children in primary schools, including four dialects of Panjabi, Swahili and Chinese.

Get school places now

PARENTS whose children will turn four between September 1, 2011, and August 31, 2012, must apply for a primary school place before noon on January 16. Late applications will be considered only after those who have applied on time. Parents must apply even if their child is registered at a school, a brother or sister attends a school, they live in a linked area, or their child attends a linked nursery. Visit www.northamptonshire.gov.uk

Tree victim recovering

A WOMAN who was taken to hospital after a tree fell on her moving car in strong winds is recovering well. The woman was on her way to work at Morrisons in Wellingborough at about 9am last Thursday when the tree fell on to her car in the supermarket's car park. A Morrisons spokesman said: "She is recovering well but is being kept in hospital as a precautionary measure. We wish her a speedy recovery."

Rock salt at centres

ROCK salt is available to buy at council recycling centres to help people combat the seasonal cold snap on their own paths and driveways. People can pick up a 25kg bag of rock salt for £5 at any of the 10 recycling centres run by Northamptonshire Waste Partnership. The salt is available at the centres in Ecton Lane and Sixfields in Northampton plus Brixworth, Daventry and Towcester.

RSPCA calls are rising

LATEST figures showed the number of calls to the RSPCA about abandoned animals has risen for the fifth year running. The charity is urging people to think before they act after taking more than 28,000 abandonment calls in 2011, representing a 31 per cent rise over five years. In the East region, which includes Northampton, the RSPCA received 4,882 calls last year.

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Jobs are at risk in company buy-out

SPORTSWEAR firm JD Sports has bought all 290 stores belonging to ailing Northampton-based retailer, Blacks Leisure, in a £20 million deal.

The company bought the Blacks and Millets stores immediately after the struggling firm went into administration, in a deal that it is believed will retain many of Blacks' 3,500 staff.

But Bury-based JD Sports is yet to announce its plans for Blacks' head office and ware-

house in Swan Valley, Northampton, where 350 jobs could be under threat.

It is unlikely the company will retain the headquarters, which cost £26 million a year in rent and costs.

A number of Blacks 290 stores are also at risk. In a statement JD Sports said: "We will evaluate the performance of each store in the coming months in order to reach a conclusion about the number of stores which will be retained long term."

Benefits changing

SOUTH Northants Council is writing to young adults in the district to tell them their housing benefits are to be cut. Starting this month the Government is changing the rules which apply to single people living in self-contained accommodation and aged between 25 and 35. The changes mean that anyone receiving housing benefit for a room in a shared house or flat will only be entitled to a lower rate of benefit. For details, call SNC on 01327 322322.

Crafty kids knit blanket

CHILDREN from Greens Norton Primary School have presented a 93-year-old villager with a quilted blanket. Marion Hope, a resident of nearby Norton Court, was delighted with the quilt, which was made during the school's Thursday Craft Club. Volunteers from the WI and Fifty Plus club help teach pupils to knit.

Record for park visits

AN amusement park in Northamptonshire is celebrating after seeing a record number of visitors last year. Wicksteed Park in Kettering marked its 90th anniversary in the best possible way, with more than one million people attending in 2011. John Roberts, the park's managing director, said: "The figures take into account everyone, whether they walked, camped, fished, played, ran, attended events in our pavilion or walked their dog."

Work will shut A5

THE A5 between Weedon and Norton will be shut overnight for resurfacing work. The work, which includes repainting markings and replacing road studs, will run between 8pm and 6am from Saturday, January 14, through to Tuesday, February 7, and will involve overnight closures.



The 'soup kitchen' at Mount Pleasant Baptist Church

Free food plan to bring communities together

A BUSINESSMAN and councillor has opened a soup kitchen-style venture in Northampton to try to bring people of different backgrounds together.

Manna Langar has begun serving its first meals after being set up and funded at Mount Pleasant Baptist Church, in Kettering Road, by Councillor Ifty Choudary (*Lab, St Crispin*).

Councillor Choudary said his three trips abroad per year with Amnesty In-

ternational had led him to the conclusion that food was the best way to bring people together.

Meals of vegetarian rice and curry at Manna Langar, which roughly translates from Punjabi as 'unexpected free food', cost nothing but donations are encouraged.

Mr Choudary said he and his family will fund the venture for at least the next three years with help from volunteers and local businesses.

Warning after attack in town centre park

POLICE have issued a warning after a woman was followed by a stranger, pinned down and then sexually assaulted as she walked through a Northampton park.

The woman, aged 25, suffered the horrific sexual assault in Victoria Park, between 5pm and 6pm last Tuesday, after a man approached her and tried to strike up a conversation with her.

Detectives say the victim was heading from Semilong towards St James and was then followed through St Andrew's Park, also known as 'Millers Meadow', over Spencer Bridge Road and into Victoria Park.

The attacker then grabbed hold of her and pushed her to the ground.

He then performed a sex act on himself, while pinning the victim down, before running off towards Spencer Bridge Road.

Detective Inspector Ally White, who is leading the investigation into the assault, warned women in the area not to walk through dark or secluded areas if they are on their own.

Det Insp White said: "This is an extremely rare incident, nonetheless I would urge

women to be vigilant and not to walk alone in secluded, dark places.

"I'd like to hear from anybody who was in the area at the time who thinks they may have witnessed the incident or saw a man behaving suspiciously in the area."

Local Councillor Terry Wire (*Lab, St James*) described the attack as "appalling" and revealed residents had concerns about the park.

He said: "There is a lot of concern in the area about the activities in the park."

"This isn't the first problem we've had in Victoria Park, there have been other incidents and the police and community officers are aware of it."

"There have been concerns raised to me and through the St James Residents' Association of issues around late-night drinking and people hanging around."

"People are wary of going through there and the streetlights being turned off has done nothing to instil any confidence in people walking through there."

The man was white, aged 20 to 30, and of slim build.

He was wearing a black hooded top, dark trousers and had a scarf across his face.

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The scene from the inside of The Balloon Bar which is expected to reopen in three weeks having suffered water and smoke damage

Reports are carried out on damage

THE Fat Cat Cafe Bar in Northampton will be closed for access for at least two weeks while a report is being compiled into the damage following a fire in the upper floors of the building.

And bosses at the group which runs the bar from the ground floor of the former Angel Hotel in Bridge Street, said there was no clue yet as to when it might admit its next customer.

Simon Patterson, finance director at the Fat Cat Group, said: "We have offered staff positions at our bars elsewhere in the country although, if they are based in Northampton, I'm not sure how many will take that up.

"As you can imagine it's a mess. I don't know how long it will be until we reopen but we will reopen, whether that's in six months, 12 months or 18 months."

Mr Patterson said a report was being drawn up on the level of damage and that renovation work could not get under way until that was finished. He said the report could take about a fortnight.

The main damage to Fat Cats is believed to be the collapsed ceiling at the front of the bar – the back of the building is largely untouched – and water damage from firefighters' hoses on Monday night, but it has so far been difficult to properly assess the interior because of the debris. The Balloon bar next door, meanwhile, is believed to have suffered only water and smoke damage and managers said it should re-open in three weeks.

Leader of Northampton Borough Council, Councillor David Mackintosh, met the owner of the Balloon, John Shelton, and discussed how the council could help to support him in getting his business up and running.

New admin post at council is criticised

A DECISION by the leader of Northampton Borough Council to employ an extra administration assistant has been described as "shameless and arrogant" by the leader of the Northampton Liberal Democrat group.

Councillor Sally Beardsworth (Lib Dem, Kingsthorpe) said the decision to employ the assistant, who will earn about £15,000 a year, was a "disgraceful waste of taxpayers' money". Councillor Beardsworth said: "The arrogance of the Conservative administration, and

political patronage shown, is quite shameful."

Councillor David Mackintosh (Con, Rectory Farm), the leader of Northampton Borough Council, defended the decision and said the new assistant would not be carrying out any political work but would help to deal with the large level of correspondence he received from the general public. The assistant will be someone from within the borough council whose job has been identified as "at risk".

Cough cases are on rise

THE number of laboratory confirmed cases of whooping cough reported to the East Midlands Health Protection Agency (HPA) increased from 31 cases in 2010 to 122 in 2011. Increases in levels of whooping cough are seen every three to four years and nationally figures in 2011 are in line with cases reported in the last peak year of 2008.

Adventure for service

ADVENTURE seekers are being invited to the Lost City of the Incas, Machu Pichu in Peru for the second Warwickshire and Northamptonshire Air Ambulance International Challenge. By completing the challenge, which will take place in October, A special induction event at 6.30pm on January 18 will inform people about all the upcoming challenges. Call the events team on 07780 601700, email kirsty.wayness@wnaa.co.uk or visit www.wnaa.org.uk for more details.

Meeting on 'changes'

THE next meeting of the South Northamptonshire Voluntary and Community Sector Forum will be held at South Northamptonshire Council Offices, in Springfield, Towcester on Thursday, January 19, from 2pm to 4pm. The main speaker will be Ian Davies, the council's director of community and environment on the theme of 'change' both in relation to the new management structure at the district council and the potential changes arising out of the Localism Bill. For further information about the forum, contact Melanie Bignell on 01327 358264.

Get advice on web page

MEMBERS of the public can get all the information they need about personal and home security on a new web page from Northamptonshire Police. The page can be found by going to www.northants.police.uk and clicking on the crime prevention link.

999 calls up over Xmas

AMBULANCE bosses have revealed they saw an increase of 999 calls in the East Midlands on New Year's Eve by just over nine per cent on last year. East Midlands Ambulance Service figures show there were 2,264 calls on December 31 2011, compared with 2,076 for 2010. New Year's Day saw a just over three per cent increase in calls; 3,297 calls on January 1 2012, compared to 3,195 calls on January 1 2011.

Free flu jabs available

PEOPLE with heart problems are urged to get a life-saving injection. Health officials from NHS Northamptonshire are appealing for people with conditions to call their GP surgery as soon as possible to book a free flu vaccination. Professor John Parkes, chief executive of NHS Northamptonshire, said: "People should not underestimate the dangers of flu - it is a highly infectious illness and people with long-term conditions such as heart disease can become seriously ill." For more information on the flu jab go to www.northamptonshire.nhs.uk/flu

Learn to use computers

A COMPUTER course for people with sight loss will start this month. Northamptonshire Association for the Blind, in partnership with Northampton College, will be running the 10-week specialist computer course to teach people with sight difficulties general IT skills as well as how to use speech and magnification software. The course costs £60 per person and will run every Wednesday from 1pm to 3pm at Northampton College. To book call the NAB on 719193 or email helpline@nab.org.uk

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16-mile trip for girl to have wash

AN EIGHT-YEAR-OLD disabled girl has to travel 16 miles to have a shower after council managers decided not to grant cash for a wet room at her dad's house.

Harriet Margieson, from Daventry, is quadriplegic and cannot walk to an upstairs bathroom. She divides her time equally between her mum, Christa, who has a specially-built downstairs wet room, and her dad Ian. The couple have separated and Ian's home has no downstairs bathroom. He has been turned down by Daventry District Council for a disabled facilities grant to make the alterations.

Her father is now being forced to wash her on his sofa or make a 16-mile round trip to his wife's house, in Byfield.

Mr Margieson, a teacher at Southbrook Infant School, said: "The thing that annoys me is that, even though we are about to be divorced, the council is implying that I can just pop round and care for Harriet at Christa's house. Our arrangement since we've been separated is that she specifically

spends 50 per cent of the time with each of us.

"My options when she is with me are carrying a 25kg girl up the stairs and trying to bath her that way, washing her by hand on the sofa or driving to Byfield and back.

"Sometimes she needs a shower a number of times a day because she is incontinent - it's just not practical."

Daventry District Council said yesterday it would not comment on individual cases. However it is understood that the grant was turned down because money had already been awarded for a shower room at Mrs Margieson's house in 2007 on condition the home was not sold on for a set time - partly so the council would not have to pay out for the same family twice in a short period.

But NHS occupational therapists and a social worker have both assessed Harriet and judged she needs a downstairs wet room at her father's house. Council officials have also assessed the home and seen fit to grant it council tax relief for disability.

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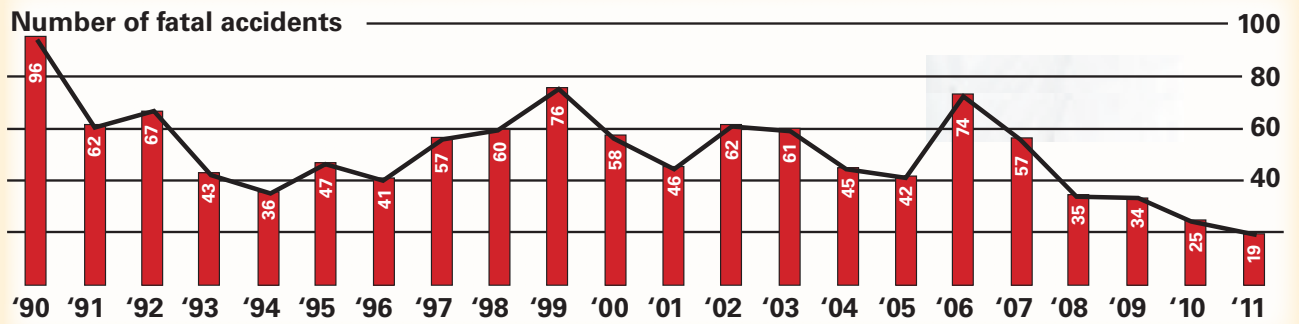
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Fatal crashes fall to new record low

NEW figures have revealed the number of deaths on Northamptonshire's roads has fallen to a record low, prompting council chiefs to claim the decision to switch-off speed cameras across the county was correct.

The statistics showed 19 people died in road accidents across the county in the last 12 months, the lowest number since records began.

The deaths included 11 drivers and three passengers.

The news came after fears were raised about a potential increase in serious accidents on the roads following the decision to axe the county's speed cameras in April last year.

However, leader of Northamptonshire County Council Jim Harker (Con, Kettering Rural) said the figures, which were down by 21 per cent on the previous year, proved safety cameras were not saving lives.

He said: "It is a welcome trend but it is still a serious problem and we need to do everything we can do to continue that trend. However, it does support the argument that simply having speed cameras did not contribute to the number of deaths on the road."

"It also gives some evidence

ROAD Deaths	Feb 2	A6116, Stanion.....	Driver
	Feb 26	A428, Harlestone Road.....	Driver
	Mar 9	A47 Collyweston.....	Driver
	Mar 26	A14 at Catthorpe Interchange.....	Motorcyclist
	May 10	A45 Wellingborough.....	Passenger
	May 26	M1 near Watford Gap services.....	Driver
	June 23	A45 near Great Doddington.....	Motorcyclist
	July 7	A605 near Warmington.....	Driver
	July 24	A45 near Great Doddington.....	Pedestrian
	Aug 13	M1 at junction 15a exit.....	Two passengers
	Aug 20	M1 near Milton Malsor.....	Driver
	Aug 22	A4300 Rothwell Road, Kettering.....	Cyclist
	Aug 23	A422 near Hinton in the Hedges.....	Driver
	Aug 27	A43 Stanion.....	Driver
	Sept 26	B4525 near Greatworth.....	Driver
	Oct 20	A5 at Duncote turning.....	Driver
	Nov 25	Cockley Road in Farthinghoe.....	Driver
	Dec 17	A43 near Barley Mow roundabout.....	Pedestrian

that although speed has risen as a result of removing cameras, the consequence hasn't been more serious accidents."

The number of people killed on roads in Northamptonshire is now the lowest figure since official records were introduced in 1960. Last year Northamptonshire Police revealed they had seen an increase in speeding cars since cameras were switched off.

Councillor Andre Gonzalez De Savage, county council cabinet member for infrastructure and public protection, said: "It is very good news that the number of deaths has fallen and this reflects the hard work of all the

agencies involved in keeping our county roads safe. However, we should remember there are 19 families who have spent the festive period without their loved ones and we will continue to do all we can to reduce the number of people killed or seriously injured on our roads."

Deputy Chief Constable of Northamptonshire Police Suzette Davenport added: "One death on our roads is one too many and we must not forget that behind each statistic is a grieving family or someone coming to terms with a life-changing injury. We would urge all road users to think about their driving behaviour."



Plaque to mark anniversary

A BRONZE plaque in memory of former Cobblers trainee and Northampton schoolboy Richard Butcher is to be unveiled at Lincoln City Football Club's Sincil Bank home.

The memorial will depict a photograph of Mr Butcher, who

died on January 9 last year, arm in arm with Keith Alexander, the manager with whom he shared some of his happiest times in football. Mr Alexander was Mr Butcher's manager at Lincoln City and Macclesfield Town, the club he was playing

for when he died. Mr Alexander himself died in March 2010.

The plaque is due to be unveiled on Sunday. Fans at Macclesfield Town's Moss Rose were also due to mark the first anniversary of Mr Butcher's death on Saturday.

Architect of Lift Tower dies, aged 80

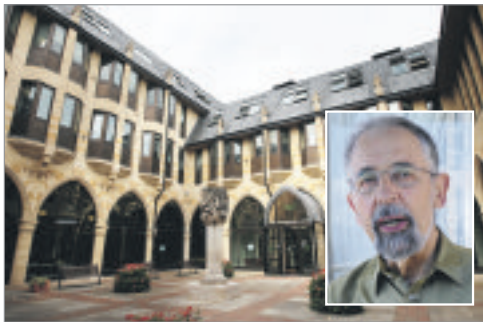
THE architect who designed Northampton's lift tower and the modern extension to the town's Guildhall has died.

The Rev Maurice Walton passed away at home on Christmas Day, aged 80, a week after celebrating his 50th wedding anniversary.

Founding partner of Northampton architects Stimpson Walton Bond, and a priest in later life, Mr Walton leaves a legacy of award-winning buildings in the town.

Born in Northampton on May 27, 1931, he was educated at the town's grammar school, but left, aged 16, when his headmaster advised him he would not achieve anything academically, an anecdote he was happy to recount more than 50 years later when invited to present prizes in the school's new hall which he had designed.

After leaving school, Mr Walton worked in the borough architects' office, before studying architecture at Liverpool University, from where he graduated in 1953.



He set up Stimpson Walton Bond with Tony Stimpson in 1964, going on to design the iconic "Northampton Lighthouse" lift-testing tower for the Express Lift Company and the extension to the town's Victorian Guildhall, as well as state-of-the-art homes for himself and his family.

The tower became the youngest building to be listed by English Heritage in 1997, and the Guildhall extension received a number of awards, including a Civic Trust Commendation in 1993.

A gargoyle on the building bearing his image serves as a lasting remind-

er of his work.

A lifelong Christian, Mr Walton was ordained into the church at the age of 63 and served as a non-stipendiary priest for eight years until his retirement. He continued to work as an architect until December 2010.

Mr Walton was director of the Northampton branch of the Samaritans and served as national vice chairman, as well as being one of nine founding members of the town's Daily Bread Co-operative in 1976.

He leaves his wife Gill, daughters Kate, Elizabeth and Jane, and grandsons Frank and Wilf.

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A 5,500-tonne bridge was successfully demolished at one of the country's busiest junctions this weekend.

Ten large excavators with hydraulic breakers descended on the Cathorpe interchange, where the M6 and M1 meet, in a carefully planned operation which saw the junction close for 36 hours.

The old viaduct, built in the mid-60s, was brought down following the construction and recent opening of a replacement bridge, which carries M6 traffic over the M1, in December.

Motorists were diverted away from the junction 19 of the M1 during the closure between midnight on Friday and 12.30pm yesterday, while the M6 reopened a few hours earlier than scheduled.

The challenging £18 million project was launched two years ago after deterioration in the support work of the bridge was found in 2000.

It led to continual monitoring and eventually resulted in the restriction of heavy goods vehicles.

The long-term junction 19 improvement scheme, which was temporarily shelved following funding problems, was reignited



Excavators with hydraulic breakers demolished a 5,000-tonne bridge at the Cathorpe interchange over the weekend

in October after the Government pledged to invest £150 million in the plans in the next three years.

The Cathorpe viaduct replacement project, carried out by contractors Skanska, was pulled out as a separate project because of concern at the deterioration of the bridge.

It is due to finish in February, with just street lighting, safety

fences and communication structures to be erected following the demolition.

Timber mats protected the motorway from the falling rubble, which was transported to a storage site to be crushed and reused as aggregate stock following the demolition.

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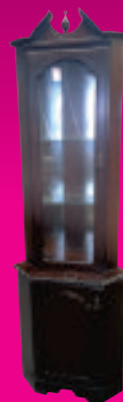


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Politicians unite over town centre

POLITICIANS in Northampton have backed MP Brian Binley's call for the town centre to offer a broader appeal to the whole community at night.

Police were called to more than 1,500 serious, violent or racially aggravated attacks in the town centre last year.

Mr Binley, the Conservative MP for Northampton South, said he thought there needed to be a review of the current situation in which the town centre is only used by a specific section of the community at night when it ought to be used by a "wider section of society".

Paul Varnsvery, former Northampton Borough Council cabinet member for communities, re-

sponsible for policy areas such as licensing, said he supported Mr Binley's statements and hoped the MP could use his voice in parliament to bring about a change in legislation.

Mr Varnsvery said that one of the problems with the current licensing process was that applicants often successfully appealed to a magistrate's court outside Northampton after being refused permission to open a new bar or nightclub by the borough council's licensing committee.

Mr Varnsvery said: "The application process is currently completely in favour of the applicant."

"Local people need to hear appeals as they are the ones with local knowledge and understanding of the issues. The process needs

to be fairer and more transparent."

Conservative MP for Northampton North, Michael Ellis, said he agreed with Mr Binley that it would be good if the town centre offered more for a wider cross section of the community but said it would be hard to legislate to solve the problem.

He said: "Like a lot of town centres across the country, Northampton seems to have developed with an emphasis on late-night entertainment."

"It should be accommodating for a much wider section of the community and would be much healthier if it catered for a wider range of the population."

"But what we have to accept is that a lot of these things are based on commercial considerations."

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Retail park units still empty two years on

A RETAIL park in Northamptonshire has been left with empty units two years after it opened, with the economic downturn blamed for the lack of businesses coming forward to open at the site.

The first stores on the Abbey Retail Park – the completed first part of Daventry's much-vaunted regeneration scheme – opened two years ago in January 2009.

Although all the larger shops have remained on site since then, one of the main units has never been occupied, and the smaller stores facing Abbey Street have seen several traders come and go.

But the leader of Daventry District Council has said the solution is out of his hands and the impact of the credit crunch has had a telling effect on the number of new business start-ups and established firms looking to open at the retail park.

Councillor Chris Millar said the problem was that the town's growth had been dramatically slowed by the economy, and that without extra people firms were hesitant to open units.

He said: "The fact is that we were lucky to get it open before the recession really bit, and the big stores that have opened have stayed here."

"We have seen some casualties in the smaller Abbey

Street shops, but it has been a really tough couple of years.

"The recession has meant that the town's expansion has slowed.

"That's meant there aren't as many potential customers for firms moving here and that is something they take into account.

"We are subject to the national economic situation, even though Daventry hasn't done too badly compared to many places, and in many ways we are ahead of the curve.

"The good thing is that when the situation does start to change and improve, we have plans in place already to take advantage of that and we have units ready and waiting."

As part of a plan to try to kickstart the local economy and attract more retailers to the site, planning conditions put on the type of firm allowed to use the larger unit, limiting it to 'bulky goods retail', have also been relaxed.

The firms marketing it produced evidence to Daventry District Council's planners showing a series of bulky goods sellers did not feel Daventry had enough people living and shopping there to make it worth opening a shop on the retail park.

In contrast, the vast majority of units at retail parks in Northampton, including St James, Riverside and Sixfields, are full – with several established national brands maintaining a successful presence in the county.



The larger units at Abbey Retail Park have been filled since the park opened in 2009 but another large unit and the smaller units have consistently remained empty, largely due to the economy

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The charity arranged for Alicia – along with her mum Billie-Jo, dad Nick, three year-old brother Dylan, and baby sister Violet, from Far Cotton – to spend three days in the traditional Finnish resort of Luosto in search of Father Christmas.

Alicia was diagnosed with Acute Lymphoblastic Leukaemia when she was only two years-old and immediately began more than a year of chemotherapy and steroid treatment at Northampton General Hospital, followed by 18 months of top-up chemotherapy.

Now in remission, Alicia undergoes regular check-ups but otherwise life has returned to normal for the young girl.

Mum Billie-Jo said: "She was always a chatty, bubbly two-year-old girl, but she lost all her energy and personality during her treatment. When she lost her hair and put on weight she didn't even recognise herself, but she was very resilient. It was a very difficult



time being in and out of hospital; we felt like we lived there.

"Now she is back to her lively self and even back-chatting, not that I am complaining."

The family stayed in a log cabin and along their journey to Santa she met his elves, reindeer and huskies.

Billie-Jo added: "Alicia adores Christmas and had always wanted to meet Santa and she was thrilled she got her wish."



Five-year-old Alicia Marston is pictured with Santa Claus (top) and her family (above) during their pre-Christmas trip to Lapland, thanks to the Starlight Children's Foundation. Alicia has recently undergone intense chemotherapy after being diagnosed with Acute Lymphoblastic Leukaemia when she was just two years old

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They found new homes for 540 former battery

hens.

The success of the rehoming day came as the national BHWT marked a change in the law over battery birds, with the symbolic rehoming of a hen named Liberty.

From January 1 the old-style battery cages were outlawed in favour of a larger



cage which gives hens the chance to move around, and has separate nesting and perching areas.

Ms Whiteside (pictured) said: "The old system gave them a space about the size of an A4 sheet of paper squared, so this is better. But the main problem

with the new system is that British farmers work really hard to operate within the law, but obviously there are a lot of imported eggs which could be just one of many ingredients in something like a quiche.

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THE level of applications to study at The University of Northampton remains "encouraging" despite the predicted negative impact of the increase in tuition fees, latest figures have shown.

The Universities and Colleges Admissions Service (UCAS) released statistics which revealed there had been a "late surge" of applications to study at the university.

As of January 1, The University of Northampton, which will charge students £8,500 a year from September, has seen a slight decrease in applications compared with the same date in 2011, but remains up by 15 per cent compared with the same date in 2010.

UCAS application figures up to December 19 for universities in the

East Midlands, including The University of Northampton, showed an 11 per cent decrease on the previous year.

A spokesman for The University of Northampton said: "There has been a pick up in applications as the January UCAS deadline has approached.

"This is not unexpected as UCAS have been reporting no drop in registrations to use the UCAS apply system for applications.

"It is still too early to draw any definitive conclusions, however the current application position of the university remains encouraging."

UCAS chief executive, Mary Curnock Cook, said the latest application figures showed evidence of a "late surge" ahead of the January 15 deadline.

She said: "Applicants are taking longer to research their choices but the applications flow has

speeded up, as these statistics show.

"It remains too early to make predictions about the final year-on-year figures but we will be able to get a clearer picture after the deadline has passed."

Professor Nick Petford, vice-chancellor of the university, said the fees level of £8,500 had been decided after consultation with the students union.

Speaking when the fees were announced, he said: "We looked at what we had to do to cover our costs, then we factored in what we needed in terms of investment to make sure the quality of the student experience was put to the forefront, plus we needed to have enough left over to cope with bursaries and scholarships."

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Olympic triple challenge for cafe owners

THE owners of Towcester Tea Rooms will host a triple fund-raising challenge to celebrate this year's Olympic Games.

Sharon and Tony McMurray, who run the cafe in Watling Street, Towcester, are organising the Triple Olympic Challenge.

The fund-raiser, which includes three sporting challenges, will raise money for The Alzheimer's Society, where Mr McMurray volunteers, and The Towcester Gateway Club, which provides evening leisure activities for adults with learning difficulties.

The challenge will include two marathons, a bike ride and a kayak race, and Mrs McMurray will complete the first leg when she runs the Silverstone Half Marathon on March 11.

Mrs McMurray, who teaches dance at the Gateway Club, said: "I am slowly building up my mileage, which can be a challenge in the winter cold, but I am determined to succeed and raise as much money as possible for these lovely people."

Avid fund-raiser Mr McMurray will take on the TOW2TOW challenge in April. He will bike ride from the Towcester Gateway club in Riverside, Towcester to London, where he will kayak along the Thames past the headquarters of the



Sharon McMurray is hoping to raise money for charity

Alzheimers Society in Tower Bridge and onto the Olympic Stadium, before taking part in the London 2012 Marathon on April 22.

Mr McMurray will compete the final leg of the challenge when he volunteers as a driver at the Olympic Village in July and August during the games. The annual Towcester Tea Rooms Tea Dance in Towcester Town Hall will raise more funds on March 18. For details call 01327 358200. To donate visit <http://uk.virginmoneygiving.com/TonyMcMurray2012>

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Closures are 'nothing to worry about'

RECENT closures in Northampton town centre are 'nothing to worry about' according to a town improvement project.

December saw Jane Norman, and ShakeAways shut their doors and Hawkin's Bazaar and Argos announce they are to close this month, just days after Christmas.

But Stephen Chown, chairman of the town centre BID, believes the closures are 'natural churn' and is encouraged by recent openings in the centre towards the end of last year.

He said: "There will

always be movement in the market. I don't think this is anything to be concerned about.

"It's created an opportunity for new businesses to move in to a large space which there are requirements for. There is always more to do but we are moving forward in the right direction."

Novelty gift shop Hawkin's Bazaar in Market Walk advertised its closing down sale after parent company Tobar Group announced its intention to appoint administrators following low sales.

While Argos announced it will not be renewing its

lease on its store in Abington Street will close for businesses on Friday January 20, 2012. It's St Peter's Way and Sixfields stores will remain open.

But Northampton borough councillor David Palethorpe (*Lab, Billing*) said it was blow for the town centre which needs better support. "It is a major blow to the regeneration of Northampton to see so many well-known stores closing down but is an inevitable consequence of the increased use of internet shopping and the ever tightening economic noose being applied by Government policies."



Stephen Chown, chairman of the town centre BID team, says the closures of shops such as Argos and Jane Norman are no cause for concern

Rain stops trade

STALLHOLDERS in Northampton's Market Square are up in arms after appalling weather meant they were unable to work.

Several traders expressed concerns about rent payments following a day of no trade last Tuesday caused by heavy winds and rain.

Pete Cartwright, who owns a books and DVDs stall on Market Square and is also a member of the National Market Trader Committee, said it was impossible to work in the conditions and would have been unsafe.

Councillor Tim Hadland, Northampton Borough Council's cabinet member for the town centre, said: "All rents are paid in advance and therefore any refund would need to be applied for."

"Refunds are at the discretion of the council's markets office, and the market committee would need to put in a formal request to that office for a decision to be made. So far no request has been made. If one is, it will be dealt with as promptly as possible."

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CAST members from Royal & Derngate's pantomime Aladdin, including Bobby Davro, brought some festive cheer during a visit to the children's ward at Northampton General Hospital.

The comedian, who performs the role of Wishee Washee, was joined in costume by members of the ensemble to help bring a smile to the faces of youngsters who have spent the start of the New Year in hospital.

Mr Davro, who has received extremely positive reviews for his performances, said he had enjoyed his time in Northampton and would be sad at the end of the final showing of the pantomime.

He said: "We've had a ball. I have done 27 pantomimes and I can honestly say this has been the loveliest and friendliest cast I have ever worked with."

"Everybody has been fantastic and really enthusiastic."

"I think it is a terrific show and we have set the benchmark for pantomimes in the future. The people of Northampton have been fantastic audiences."

"It is good for the soul to come to the children's ward and meet some of the patients. I'm very lucky that I have three healthy children."

The production of Aladdin also stars pantomime debutant Brian Fortuna, who performed on two series of BBC1's Strictly Come Dancing and appeared in the film The Aviator with Leonardo Di Caprio.

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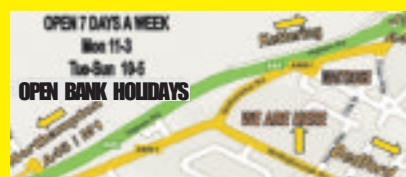
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Cara is no stranger to awards, having won the All Ireland Singing Trophy when she was 14 before going on to sing with Oige, De Dannan and Equation, where she met husband and musical collaborator Sam Lakeman.

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In 2010 Cara was asked to contribute to the Disney movie Tinker Bell and the Great Fairy Rescue.

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Last year, Cara released the 10th anniversary edition of her debut solo album.

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ROADTEST: Ford Focus Zetec-S 1.6 EcoBoost

Focus pocus

IT'S never easy making a sporty car sound enticing when there's an even sportier one on the horizon.

And it's not as though Ford is hiding news of its properly hot Focus. The second bullet point in the news release from the company tells the world that the sizzling ST arrives sometime in 2012 with 250 willing horses under its bonnet.

Which is rather more than the current warm hatch Ford, called Zetec S and packing a smaller punch. Ford must be hoping this one's inevitably lower performance will be more than made up by lower bills for purchase, insurance and fuel costs.

This now-available car was specially developed for Britain, where we like a sporty look to our motors. Ford thinks it might sell 6,000 a year.

In fact, most Zetec S models are simply a mild cosmetic makeover of the existing (non-S) models, with a sports styling kit, bigger wheels and a stiffened suspension.

Oh, and alloy-look pedals, LED rear lights and a button to start the engine, not a boring old ignition key. You'll pay a £1,250 premium over the less racy-looking Zetec for the changes, where it's possible to compare like with like.

Dig deeper, though and you find the Zetec S debuting a more powerful petrol engine and

with a not inconsiderable price tag of £20,495. The new range starts at £18,745 for a 1.6 petrol, and tops out with the £22,595 diesel with a potent 2.0 litres.

But it's the petrol version tested here that's likely to set an enthusiast's blood pumping a little faster. The on-paper performance figures promise a car that ought to feel eager and responsive, if not downright fast.

Surprise, surprise, that's precisely how it feels on the road. There's definitely space for a Focus road rocket in the near future but until then this version of the Zetec S will do pretty well.

It will certainly answer all the experts who reckoned the latest Focus was beautifully built, quiet and comfortable but lacking in the sheer joy of driving that all the previous models had in spades.

The new car is still a comfy way to munch miles and has the elusive quality common to most Fords of recent times (and surprisingly rare in rivals) of simply being good to drive, however modest the engine doing the work.

Over a not very demanding test route my car showed 37mpg on the trip computer. Not bad, if miles behind 47mpg

recorded in the official Euro test. That's the figure that has to be quoted by law and which usually proves wildly optimistic.

Trying a car with an existing diesel engine (2.0 litres, 161bhp, £21,345) nudged the trip meter to 47mpg but, strangely the car did not ride as well as its faster, petrol powered sibling.

Still felt pretty potent,

though, and needed fewer gear changes.

If you want (much) better economy from your Focus you will be able to buy one late in 2012 with an improbably small 1.0 litre engine and a mere three cylinders. It sounds intriguing; let's hope it shows how the clever application of conventional mechanicals (not a booster electric motor in sight) still has the potential to deliver big improvements in fuel savings. Don't bet against it.

In the meantime, this latest version of the Focus makes an already impressive car usefully better still.

FACTFILE

CAR: Ford Focus Zetec-S 1.6 EcoBoost

PRICE: £20,495

DRIVETRAIN: 1.6 litre 179bhp petrol engine, 6-speed gearbox

PERFORMANCE: Top speed 138mpg 0-62mph 7.9 seconds

ECONOMY: Euro average 47.1mpg CO2 139g/km road tax £115

SIZE: 4358mm long 1858mm long

SAFETY: EuroNCAP 5 stars

INSURANCE: TBC

WARRANTY: Three years or 60,000 miles



REVIEW BY IAN DONALDSON

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CAR OF THE WEEK

06 FIAT PANDA 1.1 ACTIVE 5 DOOR HATCHBACK, 47,000 miles, fully documented service history, all service repair invoices present, cambelt & with water pump replaced at 43000 miles with full service, fiat + 1 private lady owner from new, cheap tax & insurance. ... **£2795**

03 PORSCHE BOXSTER 2.7, metallic silver, only 40,000 miles from new, full porsche service history, full leather interior, air conditioning, fully loaded sporty two seater with low mileage. **£9,995**

58 FORD FIESTA 1.6 TITANIUM 5 DOOR HATCHBACK, only 33,000 miles with full service history, 1 lady owner from new, power steering, parking aids, alloy wheels, air conditioning, remote central locking, full leather, electric windows, rear parking sensors, great value. **£7495**

04 BMW Z4 2.2 CONVERTIBLE 2 DOOR, metallic grey paintwork with grey electric hood, 72,000 miles with full service history, sports leather interior, cruise control, air conditioning, climate control, electric windows, power steering, upgraded alloy wheels, all the usual bmw refinements for only. **£6995**

01 MERCEDES BENZ S320 CDI TURBO DIESEL, full service history, leather interior, TV, satnav, fully loaded, mot july 2012, tax feb 2012, metallic blue, just had a full service, pure luxury for only. **£5495**

06 TOYOTA AYGO 1.0 VVT-I SPECIAL EDITION BLACK 5 DOOR HATCHBACK, only 33,000 miles from new, air conditioning, cd player, power steering, electric windows, central locking, only £30 a year road tax, black paintwork, excellent value with toyota reliability. **£4495**

02 MERCEDES BENZ C200 ELEGANCE AUTOMATIC, only 63,000 miles, fully documented service history, air conditioning, power steering, electric windows, remote central locking, this car is in absolutely pristine condition, cherished by its previous owner, usual Mercedes Benz refinements. **£3995**

06 NISSAN ALMERA 1.5 SVE 5 DOOR HATCHBACK metallic blue, 54,000 miles, fullservice history, Motability + 1 private owner from new, full climate control, electric mirrors, electric windows, power steering, factory fitted sat nav, remote central locking, taxed & mot till June 2012, this Almera is the top of the range model all for just. **£3495**

52 SUZUKI JIMNY 1.3 J1X 4X4, only 45,000 miles, service history, metallic cyprus blue paintwork, cd player, electric windows, power steering, central locking, new mot, very economical 4x4. **£3495**

06 KIA PICANTO 1.1 LX 5 DOOR HATCHBACK, only 41,000 miles, dealer + 1 private owner from new, service history, bright red paintwork, air conditioning, electric windows, power steering, cd player, cheap tax & insure. **£2995**

04 NISSAN ALMERA 1.5 SE 5 DOOR HATCHBACK, only 45,000 miles from new with full nissan service history, light blue metallic paintwork, power steering, electric windows, climate control, cd player, alloy wheels, remote central locking. **£2795**

03 MITSUBISHI SPACE STAR DI-D EQUIPPE TURBO DIESEL, 5 door hatch, star silver, mitsubishi + 1 lady owner from new, fully documented service history, 9 stamps in book, excellent family car, long mot & tax. **£2495**

03 VAUXHALL CORSA 1.0 5 DOOR HATCHBACK, finished in metallic silver, service history, cd player, power steering, electric windows, remote central locking, mot nov 2012, cheap tax & insurance, ideal first car. **£2495**

06 SUZUKI ALTO 1.1 GL AUTOMATIC 5 DOOR HATCHBACK, 1 owner from new, yellow paintwork, fully documented service history, power steering, central locking, electric windows, cd player, excellent value for this small economical automatic. **£1995**

51 VAUXHALL CORSA 1.2 SXI 5 DOOR HATCHBACK, only 74,000 miles with service history, finished in black, cd player, alloy wheels, power steering, electric windows, electric mirrors, remote central locking, sporty but economical. **£1995**

Y PEUGEOT 206 1.4 LX 5 DOOR HATCHBACK, only 69,000 miles, diablo met red, full service history, lady owner since 2006, long mot & tax, cheap tax & insurance. **£1795**

V VAUXHALL ZAFIRA 1.8 ELEGANCE 5 DOOR 7 SEATER MPV, well below average mileage, fully documented service history from new, 1 previous owner, 11 stamps in the service book, power steering, cd player, electric windows, this car is in totally original condition a credit to its former keepers. **£1695**

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52 SUZUKI LIANA GLX 1.6 5 DOOR HATCHBACK, met grove green, suzuki service history, only 78,000 miles, serviced & mot'd, tax june 2012. **£1295**

52 MG ROVER ZS 1.8 SALOON, 80,000 miles with service history, electric windows, power steering, sports trim, finished in british racing green paintwork, colour coded, alloy wheels, mot June 2012, taxed. **£995**

W CITROEN SAXO 1.1 FORTE, 5 door, metallic green, only 83,000 miles, 12 month mot, cheap tax & insurance. **£895**

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05 FORD TRANSIT CONNECT 1.220 TURBO DIESEL VAN, only 1 previous owner, in blue, power steering, side loading door, cd player, air conditioning, rear parking sensors, only 42,000 miles with full service history, just had a full service. **£3495 NO VAT**

03 PEUGEOT 206 1.4 HDI TURBO DIESEL VAN, average mileage, power steering, electric windows, cd player, clean & economical van. **£1995**

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51 MERCEDES BENZ A140 CLASSIC LWB 5 DOOR HATCHBACK, metallic silver, mercedes benz service history, electric windows, power steering, high mileage, long tax & mot. **£995**

02 FORD FOCUS 2.0 GHIA SALOON, above average miles, mot april 2012, tax may 2012, very clean and reliable runner. **£895**

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2006 06 Ford Fiesta 1.4 Ghia, 5dr, Silver, Alloys, Full leather, 26557 miles, FSH. **SOLD**

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2004 04 Ford Focus 1.6 LX, 5 door hatch, Silver, Alloys, 1 previous owner from new, Full Ford history. **£2995**

HONDA

2002 52 Honda Civic 1.6 Executive, 5 door hatch, Full leather, Sunroof, Air/con, Alloys. **£2495**

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2003 53 Landrover Freelander ES 1.8 manual Hardback, Metallic Silver, Half leather, Winter/off road tyres, good workhorse customers car. **£2995**

2002 52 Landrover Freelander TD4 ES Automatic, 5 door, Blue, Black leather, 1 owner. **£4995**

MERCEDES

2006 06 Mercedes SLK 1.8 Auto, Jet Black, Light grey Leather, only 35000 miles 1 lady owner, Individual car. **£12495**

2002 52 Mercedes-Benz E 320 Avantgarde Estate, Diesel, Automatic, Metallic red, 7 seats, Full leather, Sat nav. **£4250**

PEUGEOT

2005 55 Peugeot 206 2.0 HDI, 5 door, Black, Air/con, Electric pack, Radio CD, only 69k miles. **£3750**

2004 04 Peugeot 307 1.6 LX Estate, in silver, Alloys, Air/con, ONLY 38k miles. **£3495**

2004 04 Peugeot 307 1.4 S, 5 door hatch, Blue, 56k miles, Economical car. **£3250**

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2003 03 Toyota Celica T190, metallic blue/black, full leather, 6 speed manual, rare car. **£4495**

2003 52 Toyota Celica 190VVTi, metallic black, alloys, full leather, electric sunroof, FSH, TAX & MOT. **£3450**

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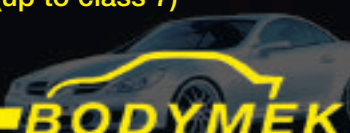
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2003 03 CHRYSLER VOYAGER 3.3 LX 5 door automatic in metallic black/grey cloth only 78,000 miles with full service history. POWER ASSISTED STEERING, ABS brakes, alloy wheels, air, can, electric windows, remote central locking, electric mirrors, side skirts, driver, passenger & side airbags, radio/CD. A very well presented MPV for only...
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2002 52 BMW 318i SEi 4 door 5 speed in metallic silver/grey cloth, only 86,000 miles with good service history. POWER ASSISTED STEERING, ABS brakes, air, can, 4 electric windows, remote central locking, cruise control, front seat centre armrest, 4 airbags, front fog lights, radio/CD. Stunning...
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PEUGEOT 307

2005 55 PEUGEOT 307 SW 1.6 S 5 door 5 speed estate car in Diablo red/grey cloth, 66,000 miles with good service history. POWER ASSISTED STEERING, ABS brakes, alloy wheels, air, can, electric windows, remote central locking, electric mirrors, fuel computer, 4 airbags, roof rails, load space cover, radio/CD. Good value at only...
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2004 04 PEUGEOT 307 SW 1.6 SE 5 door 5 speed estate car in aluminium silver/grey cloth. POWER ASSISTED STEERING, ABS brakes, air, can, alloy wheels, electric windows, remote central locking, driver & passenger air bags. Excellent throughout...
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LOW MILEAGE PEUGEOT 207

2009 59 PEUGEOT 207 1.4 HDi 5 door 5 speed in onyx black/grey cloth, only 5800 miles by one private owner with full service history. POWER ASSISTED STEERING, ABS brakes, air, can, electric windows, remote central locking, electric mirrors, fuel computer, front fog lights, drivers seat height adjustment, 4 airbags, radio/CD. Sold with the balance of the manufacturers warranty to September 2012. Excellent throughout...
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2008 58 PEUGEOT 207 1.6 HDi (110) SPORT 3 door 5 speed in neurga blue/black cloth, only 15,000 miles with full service history. POWER ASSISTED STEERING, ABS brakes, air, can, alloy wheels, fuel computer, front fog lights, electric windows, remote central locking, electric mirrors, 6 airbags, radio/CD. Looks and drives well...
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2007 57 PEUGEOT 207 SE PREMIUM 1.6 HDi 110 5 door 5 speed in aluminium silver only 21,000 miles. POWER ASSISTED STEERING, ABS brakes, air, can, electric windows, remote central locking, alloy wheels, radio/CD. A super looking car...
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LOW MILEAGE FOCUS

2010 10 FOCUS 1.6 ZETEC 5 door 5 speed in moonlight silver metallic/grey cloth only 7000 miles by one private owner with full service history. POWER ASSISTED STEERING, ABS brakes, air, can, alloy wheels, electric windows, remote central locking, electric heated mirrors, heated front windscreen, fuel computer, front fog lights, front seat centre armrest, 6 airbags, radio/CD. Sold with the balance of the manufacturers warranty to March 2013. Excellent throughout...
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2010 59 FOCUS 1.6 TDCI (110) ZETEC 5 door 5 speed in panther black/grey cloth, only 17,000 miles by one private owner with full Ford service history. POWER ASSISTED STEERING, ABS brakes, alloy wheels, air, can, electric windows, remote central locking, electric heated mirrors, heated front windscreen, satellite stereo controls, drivers seat height adjustment, front fog lights, rear parking sensors, 6 airbags, radio/CD. Sold with the balance of the manufacturers warranty to January 2013. Excellent throughout...
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2009 09 FOCUS 1.6 ZETEC 5 door 5 speed in ocean blue metallic/grey cloth only 1475 miles YES 1475! By one private owner with full service history. POWER ASSISTED STEERING, ABS brakes, air, can, alloy wheels, electric windows, remote central locking, electric heated mirrors, heated front windscreen, front fog lights, 4 airbags, fuel computer, radio/CD. Sold with the balance of the manufacturers warranty. Excellent throughout...
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2004 54 FOCUS 1.6 ZETEC 5 door 5 speed in tonic blue metallic/grey cloth, only 69,000 miles with full service history. POWER ASSISTED STEERING, ABS brakes, alloy wheels, air, can, electric windows, remote central locking, front fog lights, electric heated door mirrors, heated front windscreen, 4 airbags, radio/CD. Excellent throughout...
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2001 51 FORD FOCUS 1.6 CL 5 door estate, 5 speed in black/grey cloth, only 50,000 miles. POWER ASSISTED STEERING, alloy wheels, electric windows, central locking, ABS brakes, driver & passenger airbags, radio/CD. A very popular car at only...
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2008 58 FIESTA 1.4 TITANIUM 5 door 5 speed in sea grey metallic/grey cloth only 24,000 miles by one private owner with full service history. POWER ASSISTED STEERING, ABS brakes, alloy wheels, air, can, electric windows, cruise control, remote central locking, electric heated mirrors, front fog lights, heated front windscreen, fuel computer, 4 airbags, drivers seat height adjustment, radio/CD. Excellent throughout...
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2007 07 FIESTA 2.0 ST 3 door 5 speed in panther black & blue 1/2 leather sports seats, only 42,000 miles with full service history. POWER ASSISTED STEERING, ABS brakes, air, can, 17" Ford alloy wheels, fuel computer, electric windows, remote central locking, electric heated mirrors, heated front windscreen, front fog lights, driver & passenger airbags, radio/CD. Looks well...
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2006 55 TOYOTA YARIS 1.0 T3 5 door 5 speed in eclipse silver/grey cloth, only 37,000 miles with good service history. POWER ASSISTED STEERING, ABS brakes, air, can, electric windows, remote central locking, electric mirrors, driver, passenger & side airbags, radio/CD. Excellent throughout...
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2004 54 TOYOTA COROLLA 1.4 T2 5 door 5 speed in ixion blue metallic/grey cloth only 54,000 miles with good service history. POWER ASSISTED STEERING, ABS brakes, air conditioning, electric windows, remote central locking, electric mirrors, 4 airbags, drivers seat height adjustment, radio/CD. Very well maintained...
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2003 03 TOYOTA COROLLA 1.8 SPORT 5 door 6 speed in metallic black/grey leather seats, only 53,000 miles. POWER ASSISTED STEERING, ABS brakes, air, can, satellite navigation, alloy wheels, cruise control, 4 electric windows, remote central locking, electric heated door mirrors, 4 airbags, front fog lights, radio/CD. A fantastic example of this popular car...
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DIESELS

2009 09 PEUGEOT 308 1.6 HDi (110) SE 5 door 5 speed in thorium grey metallic/grey cloth, only 13,000 miles by one owner with full service history. POWER ASSISTED STEERING, ABS brakes, dual zone automatic air conditioning, cruise control, full panoramic roof, fuel computer, 4 electric windows, remote central locking, leather bound steering wheel, fuel computer, driver & passenger seat height adjustment, rear parcel tray with integral storage compartments, 6 airbags, front fog lights. Quite outstanding...
£9995

2008 58 PEUGEOT 308 1.6 HDi (90) SPORT 5 door 5 speed in aluminium silver/grey cloth, only 30,000 miles by one lady owner with full service history. POWER ASSISTED STEERING, ABS brakes, air, can, alloy wheels, cruise control, electric windows, remote central locking, electric mirrors, fuel computer, front seat centre armrest, satellite stereo controls, front fog lights, 6 airbags, radio/CD. Fantastic performance & economy and only £30 per year to tax...
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2008 08 FOCUS 1.6 TDCI ZETEC 5 door 5 speed in moonlight silver/grey cloth, slightly above average mileage. POWER ASSISTED STEERING, ABS brakes, air, can, alloy wheels, electric windows, remote central locking, electric heated door mirrors, heated front windscreen, front fog lights, front seat centre armrest, 6 airbags, radio/CD. A fabulous car and only £30 per year to tax...
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2007 57 AUDI A6 2.0 TDI SE 4 door 6 speed in metallic red/grey cloth only 36,000 miles with good service history. POWER ASSISTED STEERING, ABS brakes, alloy wheels, climate control, cruise control, satellite navigation, 4 electric windows, remote central locking, electric mirrors, front fog lights, 6 airbags, radio/CD. Full function steering wheel, leather bound steering wheel, fuel computer, driver & passenger seat height adjustment, 6 airbags, radio/CD with auto changing. A stunning vehicle with extraordinary performance and economy...
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2007 57 VECTRA 1.9 CDTi SRi (150) S 5 door 5 speed in star silver/grey cloth only 65,000 miles with good service history. POWER ASSISTED STEERING, ABS brakes, air, can, alloy wheels, 4 electric windows, remote central locking, electric mirrors, cruise control, front fog lights, fuel computer, tailgate spoiler, 6 airbags, radio/CD. A stunning car to both look at and drive...
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2007 07 ASTRA 1.7 CDTi SRi (100) S 5 door 5 speed in gold metallic/grey sports seats, only 32,000 miles. POWER ASSISTED STEERING, ABS brakes, air, can, alloy wheels, electric windows, remote central locking, electric mirrors, front fog lights, fuel computer, 6 airbags, radio/CD. Looks fantastic...
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2006 56 SKODA SUPERB 1.9 TDI (130) COMFORT 4 door 5 speed in grey metallic/grey cloth only 65,000 miles with full service history. POWER ASSISTED STEERING, ABS brakes, air, can, cruise control, alloy wheels, electric windows, remote central locking, electric heated mirrors, front seat centre armrest, fuel computer, satellite controls, radio/cassette with CD multichanger, 6 airbags and much much more. Phenomenal performance and economy for only...
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2006 06 SEAT ALHAMBRA 1.9 TDI STYLANCE (138) S 6 door 6 speed 7 seater in grey metallic/grey cloth, only 72,000 miles with full service history. POWER ASSISTED STEERING, ABS brakes, climate control, cruise control, alloy wheels, electric windows, heated front seats, remote central locking, electric heated mirrors, front fog lights, roof rails, driver & passenger airbags, radio/CD. An outstanding diesel 7 seat people carrier...
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2006 06 FOCUS C-MAX 1.8 TDCI 5 door 5 speed in tonic blue metallic/grey cloth only 41,000 miles with full service history. POWER ASSISTED STEERING, ABS brakes, alloy wheels, air, can, electric windows, remote central locking, electric heated door mirrors, heated front windscreen, fuel computer, 4 airbags, front fog lights, radio/CD. Excellent performance and economy throughout...
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2004 54 RENAULT LAGUNA ESTATE 1.9 DCI DYNAMIC 5 door 6 speed in black/grey cloth, 118,000 miles. POWER ASSISTED STEERING, ABS brakes, air, can, alloy wheels, electric windows, radio/CD and much more. A great estate for only...
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2003 03 PEUGEOT 206 1.4 HDi LOOK 5 door 5 speed in montebello blue/grey cloth only 59,000 miles with good service history. POWER ASSISTED STEERING, ABS brakes, air, can, alloy wheels, remote central locking, driver & passenger airbags, radio/CD. An outstanding example of this ever popular car that only costs £30 a year to tax...
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2002 02 ROVER 75 TOURER 2.0 CDT CLUB 5 door estate car in burgundy/grey cloth, above average mileage. POWER ASSISTED STEERING, ABS brakes, air, can, electric windows, remote central locking, electric mirrors, driver seat height adjustment, 4 airbags, load space cover, radio/CD and much more in this classic diesel estate car...
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KA

2008 08 FORD KA 1.3 ZETEC CLIMATE 3 door 5 speed in moonlight silver/grey cloth, only 33,000 miles. POWER ASSISTED STEERING, ABS brakes, alloy wheels, electric windows, drivers seat height adjustment, radio/CD...
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2007 07 FORD KA 1.3 COLLECTION 3 door 5 speed in apple green/grey cloth, only 21,000 miles. POWER ASSISTED STEERING, air, can, electric windows, central locking, drivers airbag, radio/CD. Excellent throughout...
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2009 59 ASTRA 1.6 ACTIVE 5 door 5 speed in power red/grey cloth only 9000 miles by one owner. POWER ASSISTED STEERING, ABS brakes, air, can, electric windows, remote central locking, electric mirrors, drivers seat height adjustment, fuel computer, 6 airbags, radio/CD. Sold with the balance of the manufacturers warranty to September 2012. A very bright car in quite outstanding condition...
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2008 03 ASTRA 1.6 CLUB 5 door 5 speed in dark green metallic/grey cloth, above average mileage. POWER ASSISTED STEERING, ABS brakes, air, can, electric windows, remote central locking, driver & passenger airbags, radio/CD. Excellent throughout...
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2003 52 ASTRA 1.6 CLUB 5 door 5 speed estate car in blue metallic/grey cloth, only 80,000 miles. POWER ASSISTED STEERING, air, can, electric windows, remote central locking, drivers airbag, drivers seat height adjustment, radio/CD. A very versatile estate car in very good order...
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2002 52 ASTRA 1.6 CLUB 5 door 5 speed in metallic green/grey cloth only 83,000 miles. POWER ASSISTED STEERING, air, can, central locking, electric windows, drivers airbag, radio/CD. A good car at...
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2002 52 ASTRA 1.6 CLUB 5 door 5 speed in jade green metallic/grey cloth, above average mileage. POWER ASSISTED STEERING, air, can, electric windows, central locking, driver & passenger airbags, radio/CD...
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2002 02 HONDA CIVIC 1.6 SE 5 door 5 speed in metallic green/grey cloth only 51,000 miles. POWER ASSISTED STEERING, air, can, central locking, electric windows, electric mirrors, ABS brakes, radio/cassette. Good value at only...
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1999 Y HONDA CIVIC 1.4i 5 door 5 speed in silver metallic/grey cloth, average mileage. POWER ASSISTED STEERING, air, can, electric windows, remote central locking, electric mirrors, driver & passenger airbags, radio/CD. Very well maintained by its previous owner...
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1999 Y HONDA CIVIC 1.4i 5 door 5 speed in dark blue metallic/grey cloth only 74,000 miles with good service history. POWER ASSISTED STEERING, air, can, alloy wheels, electric windows, remote central locking, electric mirrors, drivers airbags, radio/cassette. Excellent throughout...
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2010 60 CORSA 1.2 EXCLUSIVE 5 door 5 speed in black sapphire/grey cloth only 4000 miles by one owner. POWER ASSISTED STEERING, ABS brakes, air, can, electric windows, remote central locking, 4 airbags, radio/CD. Sold with the balance of the manufacturers warranty to March 2013. Fantastic value at only...
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2006 06 HYUNDAI TUCSON 2.0 CRD CD 5 door 5 speed in metallic black/grey leather seats, only 50,000 miles. POWER ASSISTED STEERING, ABS brakes, air, can, alloy wheels, front fog lights, 4 electric windows, remote central locking, heated front seats, electric heated mirrors, front seat centre armrest, 6 airbags, roof rails, radio/CD. A very clean example of this very popular 4 X 4...
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2003 53 SHOGUN PINNIN 2.0 GDI WARRIOR 5 door 5 speed in metallic black/black leather seats only 87,000 miles. POWER ASSISTED STEERING, ABS brakes, alloy wheels, air, can, 4 electric windows, remote central locking, electric mirrors, side steps, roof bars, tow bar, 4 airbags, front fog lights, radio/CD. Quite outstanding...
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CLIO

2004 54 RENAULT CLIO 1.2 DYNAMIC 3 door 5 speed in aluminium silver/grey cloth, only 62,000 miles. POWER ASSISTED STEERING, electric windows, remote central locking, ABS brakes, air, can, alloy wheels, radio/CD. A lovely clean car...
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2003 03 RENAULT CLIO 1.4 DYNAMIC 3 door 5 speed in metallic black/grey cloth, only 74,000 miles with very good service history. POWER ASSISTED STEERING, sunroof, ABS brakes, alloy wheels, electric windows, remote central locking, electric mirrors, front fog lights, 4 airbags, radio/CD. Excellent throughout...
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2003 03 RENAULT CLIO 1.4 DYNAMIC 3 door 5 speed in red/grey cloth, only 74,000 miles. POWER ASSISTED STEERING, ABS brakes, alloy wheels, electric windows, remote central locking, radio/CD. Excellent value at...
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2011 11 FIESTA 1.4 ZETEC 5 door automatic in moonlight silver metallic/grey cloth only 8,000 miles by one private owner. POWER ASSISTED STEERING, ABS brakes, air, can, alloy wheels, parking sensors, fuel computer, Bluetooth, electric windows, remote central locking, electric heated retractable door mirrors, front fog lights, heated front windscreen, 6 airbags, radio/CD. Sold with the balance of the manufacturers warranty to May 2014. Cost new today would be in excess of £14,500 so save a massive £3505 on this one at our unrepeatable price of only...
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2011 60 VAUXHALL MERIVA 1.7 CDTi EXCLUSIVE 5 door automatic in oriental blue metallic/grey cloth only 4700 miles by one private owner. POWER ASSISTED STEERING, ABS brakes, air, can, 4 electric windows, remote central locking, electric mirrors, 6 airbags, drivers seat height adjustment, satellite stereo controls, front & rear parking sensors, radio/CD. Sold with the balance of the manufacturers warranty to February 2014. The list price of this vehicle today is £21,080 so save a staggering £10,085 on this one at our unrepeatable price of only...
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2010 60 VAUXHALL ASTRA 2.0 CDTi (160) SRi 5 door automatic in olive green metallic/grey cloth, sports seats only 4677 miles by one private owner. POWER ASSISTED STEERING, ABS brakes, cruise control, 17" alloy wheels, air, can, electric windows, remote central locking, electric heated door mirrors, front and rear parking sensors, leather bound steering wheel, front seat centre armrest, 6 airbags, radio/CD. Sold with the balance of the manufacturers warranty to September 2013. The list price of this vehicle new today is £23,515 so save an unbelievable £10,520 on this one at our unrepeatable price of only...
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2010 10 PEUGEOT 107 1.0 URBAN 5 door automatic in aluminium silver/grey cloth, only 7000 miles by one private owner with full service history. POWER ASSISTED STEERING, ABS brakes, electric windows, remote central locking, driver & passenger airbags, radio/CD. Sold with the balance of the manufacturers warranty to April 2013. The list price of this vehicle in a metallic colour would be over £10300 today, so save a magnificent £3305 on this one at our unrepeatable price of only...
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2008 58 ZAFIRA 1.9 CDTi DESIGN (150) S 5 door automatic in panacotta metallic/grey 1/2 leather seats, only 40,000 miles with full service history. POWER ASSISTED STEERING, ABS brakes, alloy wheels, air, can, 4 electric windows, remote central locking, electric mirrors, front fog lights, leather bound steering wheel, fuel computer, 4 airbags, radio/CD. Excellent performance and economy for only...
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2008 58 FOCUS 1.6 ZETEC 5 door automatic in panther black/grey cloth, only 71,000 miles by one private owner with full service history. POWER ASSISTED STEERING, ABS brakes, alloy wheels, air, can, front fog lights, electric windows, remote central locking, electric heated mirrors, heated front windscreen, fuel computer, front seat centre armrest, 6 airbags, radio/CD and much more, for only...
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2008 08 HONDA JAZZ 1.4 SE 5 door automatic in black metallic/grey cloth, only 18,000 miles by one private owner with full service history. POWER ASSISTED STEERING, ABS brakes, alloy wheels, air, can, electric windows, remote central locking, electric heated door mirrors, front fog lights, drivers seat height adjustment, 6 airbags, radio/CD. Excellent throughout...
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2008 08 VAUXHALL AGILA 1.2 DESIGN 5 door automatic in silver blue/grey cloth, only 22,000 miles by one private owner with full Vauxhall service history. POWER ASSISTED STEERING, ABS brakes, alloy wheels, electric windows, remote central locking, electric mirrors, fuel computer, 4 airbags, drivers seat height adjustment, front fog lights, radio/CD. Excellent throughout...
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2008 08 RENAULT MEGANE 1.6 DYNAMIC 5 door automatic estate car in gunmetal grey/grey cloth only 9000 miles by one private owner with full Renault service history. POWER ASSISTED STEERING, ABS brakes, air, can, alloy wheels, 4 electric windows, remote central locking, electric mirrors, fuel computer, front fog lights, drivers seat height adjustment, 6 airbags, radio/CD. A very versatile estate car in quite outstanding condition...
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2007 57 TOYOTA YARIS 1.3 VVTi 3 door 5 speed automatic in silver metallic/grey cloth, only 9600 miles, YES 9600! By one private owner with full service history. POWER ASSISTED STEERING, air conditioning, ABS brakes, electric windows, front fog lights, remote central locking, electric mirrors, 4 airbags, fuel computer, radio/CD. Another low mileage, one owner small auto in quite outstanding condition...
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2007 57 PEUGEOT 206 1.4 LOOK 5 door automatic in aluminium silver/blue cloth only 15,000 miles with full service history. POWER ASSISTED STEERING, ABS brakes, air, can, electric windows, remote central locking, electric mirrors, 4 airbags, drivers seat height adjustment, radio/CD. Excellent throughout...
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2007 07 AUDI A4 2.0 TDI S-LINE 4 door automatic in metallic black/black cloth, only 33,000 miles. POWER ASSISTED STEERING, ABS brakes, dual zone automatic air, can, alloy wheels, electric windows, remote central locking, electric mirrors, front seat centre armrest, 6 airbags, fuel computer, radio/CD. Performance, economy and bags of style...
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2006 56 VAUXHALL MERIVA 1.6 ENERGY 5 door automatic in premium blue metallic/grey cloth only 23,000 miles, with good service history. POWER ASSISTED STEERING, ABS brakes, air, can, electric windows, remote central locking, drivers seat height adjustment, driver & passenger airbags, radio/CD. A very well maintained Meriva...
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2005 05 ZAFIRA 1.6 DESIGN 5 door automatic in metallic grey/grey cloth only 53,000 miles. POWER ASSISTED STEERING, ABS brakes, air, can, electric windows, remote central locking, electric mirrors, driver & passenger airbags, 7 seats, radio/CD. Excellent throughout...
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2004 04 FOCUS 1.6 ZETEC 5 door automatic in metallic pepper red/grey cloth only 56,000 miles. POWER ASSISTED STEERING, ABS brakes, air, can, electric windows, remote central locking, heated front windscreen, radio/CD. A good example at only...
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2003 53 JAGUAR XJ6 3.0 4 door automatic in blue metallic/grey leather, good service history. POWER ASSISTED STEERING, ABS brakes, climate control, cruise control, auto lights, rain sensing wipers, 4 electric windows, remote central locking, electric mirrors, front seat centre armrest, wood veneer dashboard and steering wheel, electrically adjustable front seats, fuel computer, 6 airbags, radio/CD and multi-changer. Above average mileage but in quite outstanding condition, priced to sell at only...
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2000 W TOYOTA COROLLA 1.6 GS 5 door automatic in green metallic/grey cloth, only 39,000 miles. POWER ASSISTED STEERING, ABS brakes, air, can, electric windows, remote central locking, electric mirrors, driver & passenger airbags, radio/cassette...
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2000 W ROVER 75 2.0 V6 CLUB 4 door automatic in metallic silver/grey cloth only 66,000 miles. POWER ASSISTED STEERING, ABS brakes, alloy wheels, central locking, electric windows, electric mirrors, radio/cassette. A prestige car at only...
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Nee Caswell

Congratulations to Amy & Andrew on the safe but early arrival of Ruben Joseph on 6th December 2011.
 Baby Brother to Noah and Freddy.

Greatful thanks to Mrs Anthony and team, Robert Watson and Gosset Wards.
 Love Mum & Dad x x



Isabelle Rose

LAMBERT-TAYLOR

Born 31/12/2011.

Congratulations to Emily and Darryl.

With love from
 Lambert, Taylor and Laurie families

xxx



Birthdays



YATESY

Happy Birthday
 Little Bro
 Love you lots,
 Emma
 xxxxx

Boris
 Happy 17th
 Birthday wow
 you're getting a
 big boy now!!
 Love always
 Mum and Martyn
 xxxxx

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Lots of love Mum, Dad, Jordan, Kimberley, Nan, Mark,
 Grandad & Sue. x x



Obituaries

ANDREW — Reg Brother to Violet. Brother-in-law to Des. Uncle to the family. After long suffering. R.I.P.

BOTTRILL — Roger Very dear friend and neighbour of Sandra and family. Heartfelt sympathy to Jackie and family xx

CORY — Maureen Loving Sister to Ronald. Sister-in-law to Sheila. Loving Auntie to Peter William & Wife Elaine. Also Loving Auntie to Kevin Charles & Wife Elaine. You will be sadly missed. Rest In Peace xxx

COX Emily

Passed away peacefully at Bethany Homestead on 5th January. Aged 102 years. Now reunited with Arthur.

Will be sadly missed by her Son John, his Wife Maureen and their Children and Grandchildren.

Funeral Arrangements to follow.

CRANE Ruth

Passed away on the 2nd January 2012. To Ruth my dearest Wife. I will love you forever. I will find you again. With all my love. Your Husband John. xx

CRANE Ruth

Mum you're always with us in our thoughts and forever with us in our memories. Our love is with you forever. Jane, Maurice, Heidi, Andrew & Danny. xxxxxx

CRANE Ruth

Dear Mother of Linda, passed away suddenly, on 2nd September 2012 at N.G.H. "Mum, you were my best friend; my rock; my mainstay. You were always there for me through thick and thin and I for you. Our bond is eternal. You have now gone to the Lord and you are watching over me. Until we meet again Mum, God bless you and may you rest in peace. I love you." Linda. xx
 At rest now and in peace. Love from Son-in-law, John. x

CRANE Ruth

Loving caring Mum to Tina and Stewart. Will be sadly missed, you were simply the best. You will be forever in our hearts and never forgotten. Words cannot express how saddened we are, we shall cherish our memories. Rest in peace Mum until we meet again. xx

CRANE Ruth

Beloved Mother to Anita and Steve. Dearly loved Grandmother to Helen & Mat, Fiona & Brian, Brett & Lisa. Much loved Great Grandmother to Megan, Maddie, Charlie, Harry, Luke and Ellie. You will always be in our hearts. Good Night Mum, God Bless. R.I.P. xx

CRANE Ruth

Our dear Nan passed away on 2nd January 2011 at N.G.H. Nan, you have gone from the world, but not from our hearts. We will greatly miss you Nan. We will remember you always. With our love, Aimi, Matthew, Sarah, James and Jake. xx

CRANE Ruth

Loving Nan to Laura, Ethan, Hayley, Sam and Sasha and Great Nan to Lewis and Oliver. You will always be loved and remembered. We will miss you. Good night and God bless. xxx

DAVIDSON — Sharon Heavens gates will open wide an angel need to step inside. Rest in Peace our dear friend. Love Gina, Jaime and Kids xx

DAVIDSON Sharon

Passed away 31st December 2011, Age 39.

God came and took you away, so sad since you went that day. Our love will stay forever and remain with me. My guardian Angel you'll always be.

Mum, Melvin, William, Andrew, Jamie and Partners and her Son Jay xx

DAVIDSON — Sharon Will be sadly missed, from all her friends at Rushton Abletts.

DURHAM Keith Norval

Died peacefully on 31st December 2011, aged 77.

Much loved by his Wife Janet, Children Melanie, Sally and Clare and his Grandchildren.

Memorial Service to be held at St Luke's Church, Kilsingbury, Northamptonshire on 12th January at 1pm.

Family flowers only. Donations to Macmillan Cancer Support - Northampton Appeal.

FACEY — Frederick (Fred). Beloved Husband of Ann, much loved Father and Step Father. Always in our hearts. Passed away on 24th December 2011. The Funeral Service will be held on 17th January, 1.15pm at Park Avenue Methodist Church. Followed by an interment at Kingsthorpe Cemetery. Flowers may be sent to Abington Funeral Service.

REM HEEZEN

Following his brave and harrowing fight against depression, our beloved and wonderful Rem left us in the early hours of New Year's Day to seek the peace he was unable to find here on earth. He is survived, and will always be missed by his loving partner, Sam, his mother Hennie, and sisters, Annemiekke and Suzanne along with his Dutch and English families, and friends in both the church and wider community.

As Rem always wanted, his life of 41 years will be celebrated at his funeral service at the Parish Church of St Mary with St John, Great Brington on Saturday 14 January 2012 at 1pm, to be followed by Committal to God and interment in the churchyard.

By request, family flowers only. Donations, if desired, may be passed via the Funeral Home of Kevin Matthews, 1-5 Balmoral Road, Northampton NN2 6LA. Rem's Facebook page remains open as book of condolence.

HOLLAND — Tracey. Your broken heart is mended now you are re-united with Pete. Goodnight Trace. R.I.P. Joan (mum), Martin, Linda & family xx

KILPIN (Kilp) Geoffrey

Passed away suddenly at home on Thursday 5th January 2012.

Loyal and loving Husband of Pauline for 39 years. 'Goodnight darling!' Brother to Bob, Father to Katrina and Alan, Father-in-law to Brian and Ngoc. Will be much missed by our Grandchildren and family alike. 'Goodnight and Rest In Peace!'

Funeral arrangements to follow.

Obituaries

GUNN Marjorie (Madge)

Passed away peacefully age 91 on 2nd January after a short illness at Northampton General Hospital

Rest in peace
 From Little Bruv
 Dougie, Sue, Les
 & Family

HARMON — Milly of Oliver Street. Passed peacefully away on 29th December 2011. A much loved Mum to Denise and David, Mark and Sharon. Nan to Lisa, Christopher, Steven and Thomas. Family flowers only please but donations if desired for Multiple Sclerosis Society. All enquiries to C-o-o-p-e-r-a-t-i-v-e Funeralcare, Banbury. Tel: 01295 272207.



KNOWLTON Pat

Much loved Sister, Sister-in-law and Auntie, will always be in our hearts and minds. Heaven has got another angel, good night and God bless. Love from Jim, Lynne, Nicola, Daniel, Magda and the twins. xxxxxxxx

KNOWLTON — Patricia. Taken from us too soon. Sweet dreams Pat-Pat. Lots of love Kate, John, Mark and Finley x x x x

KNOWLTON Pat

Much loved Sister and Sister in Law to Andy and Janet.

Always in our hearts and thoughts.

Good night, God Bless xx

MARCANO Gilbert

Passed away 16th December 2011 Much loved Husband, Father & Grandfather

Funeral Service will take place at 3pm Friday 6th January St Gregorys Church Park Avenue North NN3 2HS followed by Cremation 4.15pm The Counties Crematorium Milton

McFARLANE Janet

Mother-in-law of Maxine. Died so suddenly on the 30th December, many fond memories. You will be so sadly missed. Goodnight God bless Jan.

Maxine
xxx

McFARLANE — Janet Beloved Sister-in-law of Lorraine and Willie, Auntie to John and Daniel. Died so suddenly will be sadly missed. xx Deepest sympathy to Dickie and boys.

McFARLANE — Janet Passed away 30th December. Sister in Law of Christine and Alan, Aunt of Robert, Louise and Kelly. Rest In Peace Jan. God Bless. Our thoughts and prayers are with Dickie, Matt and Rich at this sad time x

McFARLANE Janet

Died 30th December 2011. Dearest friend of Rita and Perry. Jan, I will miss our outings, laughter, tears, chats and secrets, but I have some great memories of years together. Will miss you always, love Rita xx

Deepest sympathy to Richard, Matthew, Richard & Graham.

McFARLANE

Janet Fond memories, God Bless. From Aunt June and family xx

MEWIES — Michael 01.01.2012. Dearest and much loved Brother-in-law to Gill and Will. Loving Uncle to Natalie, Nicola, Ryan and Rebecca. Great Uncle to Kyle. Forever in out hearts and thoughts.

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MEWIES Michael

Age 64. Sadly passed away on 1st January 2012. Loving Husband to Judith, devoted Father to Sarah and David and Father in Law to Leon and Natalie. A very proud Grandad to Annabel and Lucille.

"Mike, you shall forever be in our fondest memories"

The Funeral service will be held on 17th January at 12:30 at The Chapel of The Counties Crematorium, Milton. Family flowers only please, donations if desired to Cancer Research UK and Macmillan Nurses to be sent to B.Hollowell and Son Funeral Directors, 148 Beech Avenue, Abington, NN3 2JN.

MEWIES Mike (Taff)

On 1st January 2012. Very dear friend of many years, so many wonderful memories. You will always be our 'best man'. Love and condolences to Judith, Sarah, David, Pat and families from Mick, Maureen, Rob, Ruth, Steven and Lisa.

O'HALLORAN Michael

My heart is heavy. Sweet deams. Love from Rose, Lydia, Declan and Derry. xxxxx

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O'HALLORAN Michael

My lovely Dad. Hope your partying up there, will miss your presence. Love you always Loraine and Harry.
 Grandad 'Gula Gula' our special Grandad who we will always love and remember dearly, cherishing our memories together forever. Your songs and recitations will stay within our hearts and minds. Hope you pick a few winners up there!
 Love you always Katie, Fiona, Laila xxx

O'HALLORAN Michael

Darling Dad and Father-in-law, I'm going to miss our tea and sing songs. Thank you for giving us all your enormous sense of pride. I'm sure you've hopped St.Peters gates! Love always Carmel and Brian xxx
 Rock of a Grandad. We know you'll be happy in your new garden up in Heaven. We're so grateful to have spent time with you this Christmas. Don't be winding anyone up now. If you don't be good be careful We love and miss you always Nathan, Marcus, Matthew and Edward. xxxxx

Obituaries

O'HALLORAN

Michael
07/01/2012

Passed away peacefully aged 80 years.
A wonderful proud Father and
I am a very proud daughter.
You were so strong till the end but your big
heart couldn't take anymore.
You have left us memories we will never forget,
keep singing 'Shanagolden'
up there and we will down here.
Love you always Dad, Veronica (Yonnie) x

The Bald Eagle a great Father-in-law.
Have a brandy with the lads upstairs.
Love Mick x

Grandad we will miss you and your stories.
Love you forever Jordan and Jack. xx

P.s. If you can't be good be careful,
if you can't be careful

O'HALLORAN

Michael — Deepest
sympathy to Carmel,
Rose, Kathleen,
Lorraine, Veronica and
families. Much loved
man who sang like an
angel. Our thoughts are
with you all love
Maureen and Eileen. xx

O'HALLORAN

Michael

Grandad,
to us you were
someone special,
someone so
good and true,
you will never
be forgotten,
for we thought
the world of you.
Love Martin,
Ailish and Mikey.
x x x

O'HALLORAN

Michael
1.1.1932 - 7.1.2012

You were a Dad in
a million,
I loved you to
the end,
I've lost two
precious things,
my Dad and my
best friend.
Will miss your stories,
hugs, songs and
so much more,
but don't worry Dad,
your legacy will
live on and on.

Love you always.
Kathleen and
Son in Law Eddie,
loving Grandad
to Claire, Martin
and Hannah,
Great Grandad to
Jonny and Mikey.
Sleep peacefully.
x x

O'HALLORAN

Michael

7th January 2012.

A Grandad in a
million, we miss you
so much, our hearts
are still holding on to
the memories we
clutch. Sleep
peacefully dear
Grandad, our bright
star in the sky.
The Angels will look
after you, now that we
have said goodbye.

Goodnight,
God Bless.
Love
Claire, Jon, Jonny
xxx

OSBORNE

Reginald

Reg passed away peacefully, at home,
on 29th December 2011, aged 93 years.

Deeply loved Husband of Doris, much
loved Father of Anthony, Philip and Wendy,
Father in Law of Barbara, Jenny and Martin.
Dear Grandad to James, Alex, Hayley,
Thomas, Daniel and Joshua and
Great Grandad to Guy and Hugo.
Sadly missed by all and remembered always.
Now at peace.

God saw you getting tired
and a cure was not to be,
so he put his arms around you
and whispered "come to me".

The Funeral will take place at the
Holy Sepulchre Church on
Friday 20th January 2012 at 12 noon,
followed by a committal at
The Counties Crematorium, Milton.
Family flowers only, donations if desired to
Northamptonshire Association for the Blind,
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best Auntie we could
have wished for. Judy
and family, Sister in law
to Stan. Now at rest.

RABBITT — Alan
Passed away peacefully
on 9th January.
Deeply loved Brother of
Diane. Dear Uncle to
the boys and families.
Goodnight God bless
Alan. Love our Diane xx

ROBINSON

Doreen

Dearest,
our love for each
other was so
complete.

I miss you so
very much.
Love Peter
x x x

ROBINSON

Doreen

Dear Mum of
Sandra and Phil,
Grandma to Natalie,
Victoria and
Stephanie.

Are you a star or
a moon-beam Mum?
Sleep in
Heavenly peace,
with all our love.
x x x x

SMITH

Wilfred Edward

Passed away on January 1st at The Crescent
Nursing Home (formerly of Barnfield Close),
aged 93 years.

Deeply loved Husband of Joan, much loved
Uncle of Margaret and Tony, Great Uncle to
Caroline, Nicola and Colin and Great Great
uncle to Callum. You will be greatly missed by
us all, but you are now at peace.
The Funeral Service will be held on Wednesday
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VARNEY — Raymond
Henry. Died suddenly.
Loving friend, sadly
missed. Goodnight
Henry, God Bless. From
Joan and family.

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Dorothy. Passed away
suddenly at home on
Wednesday
28th December 2011.
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law, Nan and Great-
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BASS

Iris
(Long Buckby)

Passed away
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their appreciation of
the support and love
shown to them in
their sad loss.

BIRD

Irene Emily

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many kind remarks after mum's passing.
Thanks also go to Doctors' Evans and Valentine
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to Rev. Graham St.John Willey for the
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to the RN & RMA social club for all their help,
to Kevin Matthews and his staff for all of the
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arrangements,
and sincere and heartfelt thanks to the Doctors,
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Rev.Brian Stevens.

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Stuart and Julie wish to
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attended Ron's Funeral
and for the beautiful
floral tributes and
sympathy cards.
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Karen Jongman for the
lovely service and a
special thanks to all the
Nurses who looked
after Ron and a big
thank you to Moulton
Surgery, especially
Dr Bailey.

In Memoriam

ANGIER — Joan.
The best Mum & Nan
anyone could wish for.
Remembered always
with much love and
affection by Dave, Anna
Joseph and Lauren. x x
x x

ANGIER — Joan.
A wonderful lady and
much loved Aunt.
Always remembered.
God Bless. John, Lucy
and Shannon.

BUTCHER
Richard

A little tribute, small
and tender just to
say we still
remember.
Love Auntie Helen,
Brink, Robbie,
Rachel, Ashley, Kyle
and Brogan
xxx

BUTCHER
Richard

The tears in my eyes
I can wipe away, the
ache in my heart will
always stay.

Auntie Dawn, Uncle
George, Daniel,
Mark, Joe and Tom
xxx

BUTCHER
Richard

We did not see you
close your eyes
Or hear your last
faint sigh,
We only heard that
you were gone
Too late to say
goodbye.

Your broken hearted
Nan and Pap Burns.
xxx

BUTCHER

Richard

In memory of our darling Son

Richard the sky was blue
now it's grey
But it still seems like just yesterday
A daily thought, a silent tear
A constant wish that you were here

The heartache never leaves us
The tears will always flow
Until we are back together again
That missing piece we'll know

Your broken hearted Mum & Dad
Brother Glenn & Elise

x x x x



BUTCHER
Richard

You can shed a tear
that he has gone
Or you can smile
because he has lived.
Love you always.
Auntie Sheila and
Auntie Lily
xx

BUTCHER
Richard

Deeply loved
Grandson you can
cry and close your
mind, be empty and
turn your back or
you can do what he
would want: smile
and open your eyes,
cherish his
memories,
love and go on.

Richard you are
never more than a
thought away.
All our love always.
Nan & Pap Butcher
and family

xxx

CASS — Angela.
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January 2011. Loving
you always, forgetting
you never, memories
are sweet. Love Malc,
Annette and Mike.

CROFT
Violet

A year's gone by so
sadly missed.
The lights have
gone out.

From your
ever loving
Patrick
xxx

GRIFFITHS
Idwal Evans
(Eddie)

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Although everyday
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Our memories
still remain.
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Neil, Roy, Gayle,
Rhys and Bryn.
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Grandfather.
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the broken heart
that hides behind
the smile,
no one sees
the sadness
that's with me
all the while.
Miss you so
much Ken.

Yours forever,
Jan.
x

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Raymond Charles

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Love Dad.

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families. xxx

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Rita

13.01.2010
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memories always in
my thoughts.
Your loving
Husband John.
x

SMITH
Avis May

Remembering our
dear Avis who left us
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you always
Brenda, Ron & all
the family
xxx

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John

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A golden heart
stopped beating,
hardworking hands
at rest.
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to prove, he only
takes the best.

Love
Ann and Family.

SMITH
Avis May
(Nee Dommett)

Passed away
January 12th 2011

In loving memory of
my dear Wife

" Deep in my heart
you will always stay
Loved and
remembered
everyday"

All my love
Alan
x x x

WAITE
Ron

January 7th 2009.

Sweetheart
our love for
each other was so
complete
I miss you so much
x x
Though gone
from our sight
Your love will live
forever in our hearts

Your loving Wife
Doris and all the
Family
x x

WORLEY
Ron

12/01/2010

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everyday.

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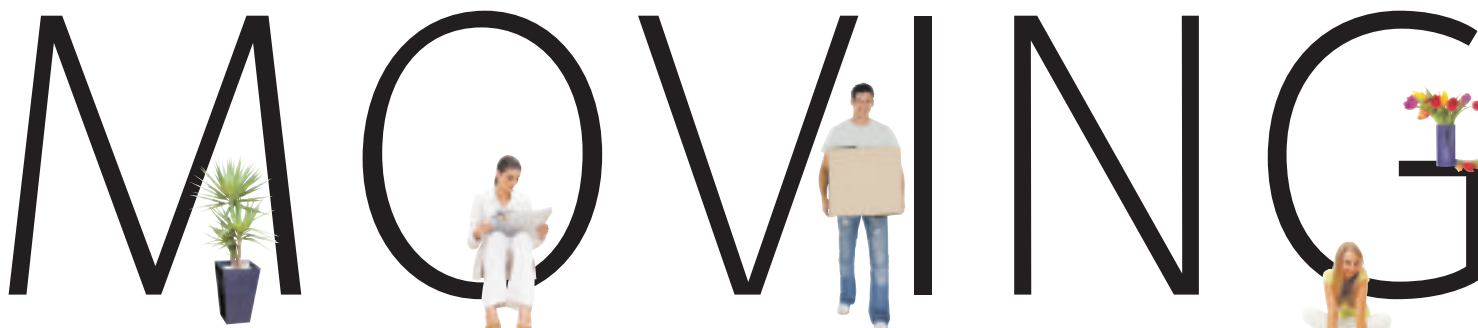
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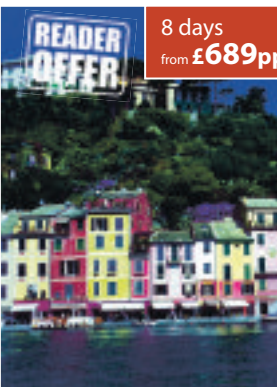
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GET IN THERE! - Akwasi Asante races away to celebrate after scoring the Cobblers' second goal in their 2-1 win at Morecambe on Saturday. Town's other goal was scored by John Johnson

PICTURE: KELLY COOPER

Cobblers send out message to rivals

AIDY BOOTHROYD believes the Cobblers have sent out a message to the rest of league two by ending their 14-game winless streak with victory at Morecambe on Saturday.

Town got back to winning ways with a 2-1 win at the weekend but face a tougher challenge this Saturday when they play host to second-placed Southend United at Sixfields.

The Blues are comfortably among the contenders for promotion to npower League One and find themselves in the automatic positions with a six-point advantage.

But Boothroyd is upbeat ahead of the game, especially after the win at Morecambe proved his squad's ability to cope with setbacks such as the long-term injury to goalkeeper Shane Higgs, who ruptured his Achilles tendon in training last week.

"What Saturday's result does is it sends a little message out," said Boothroyd.

"It sends a message to our own players, they'll start thinking 'I can do this, we might be able to do better than what the manager says and thinks.'

"And it also sends a message to the teams around us that we're not cannon fodder.

"That means having to deal with the lightning strikes, the Shane Higgs and Christian Dailly incidents and all the rest of it and get on with it."

The distance involved in travelling to Morecambe necessitated an overnight stop in a hotel for the Cobblers squad last Friday night, something several of the players believed bolstered team spirit. The manager was not a huge fan of some of the vocal performances offered up by the 'new boys' the squad as part of their initiation but praised the growing sense of character among the group.

"It helped having an overnight stay," he said. "We had some good singers, we had some shocking singers and the people who were staying in the hotel were supposed to be going out but they decided to stay in and listen to the lads.

"That sort of thing is important because it binds the players together.

"We're evolving nicely and there are no wrong 'uns in there, there are no bad characters and that's a pre-requisite if you're going to be successful."

Kick-off at Sixfields on Saturday is at 3pm.

■ ADEBAYO AKINFENWA, Byron Webster and Ryan Gilligan all played 90 minutes as the Cobblers reserves lost 3-2 to a Wolves development team in a behind-closed-doors friendly on Tuesday. On target for Town were Akinfenwa and Webster.

Wood's focus is just on playing

TOM WOOD says **captaining England would be a huge honour, but he is not getting carried away by all the hype.**

The Saints flanker is strongly tipped to be the new England captain under interim head coach Stuart Lancaster after Lewis Moody's retire ment from international rugby.

This week former England skipper Lawrence Dallaglio backed Wood saying the 25-year-old 'fits the bill'.

Modest Wood is more concerned about playing well for Saints.

England's 32-man Elite Player Squad was due to be named yesterday, though no decision will be made on the captaincy until just ahead of the opening Six Nations game against Scotland.

Wood and Harlequins' skipper Chris Robshaw are favourites to land the role, though Saints skipper Dylan Hartley and team-mate Courtney Lawes have also been backed.

Wood, who has won nine England caps but did not start in the ill-fated World Cup quarter-final loss to France, said: "It is every young player's dream to play for England and to possibly captain them is a huge honour.

"I am very focused on Saints and making sure I am in form and putting myself in the spotlight that way. I am not looking to tout myself as anything. A lot of what has been said is media hype, it has certainly not come from me. If it has come from players and coaches then that is flattering.

"I am just concentrating on getting back to my best form for Saints."

Wood is excited by the new England regime and last season's Aviva Premiership player of the year is looking forward to working with Lancaster and forwards coach Graham Rowntree.

"After our disappointment and underachievement at the World Cup there was always going to be change brought about and that has turned out to be the case," said Wood.

"There has been a lot of controversy so I guess it is good to wipe the slate clean and set out with an exciting new team.

"There is potential changes and there are a lot of players on form in the Premiership.

"It is not for me to judge the coaches, but I have dealt with Stuart in the past and we have always had a good working relationship.

"I have been very impressed at Saxons level and I know the guys from Leeds have got a high opinion of him.

"But it is for him to judge me, and not the other way around."

Wood was part of the Saints team which dismantled Aviva Premiership leaders Harlequins 24-3 at Franklin's Gardens last Friday night, with tries coming from Roger Wilson and Ben Foden.

The Saints return to Heineken Cup action on Saturday, when they make the trip to Llanelli in south Wales to take on Scarlets.

Jim Mallinder's men can no longer qualify for the last-eight of the tournament, but, with two games to play, are still in the hunt for the runners-up spot in their pool and a consolation place in the European Challenge Cup.

